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phebeaux

me @@ non-natives esp. white people acting like the water protectors are already dead when listen up binch this fight has been going on for over five hundred years and you've only been in it in, what? five? 2? how old is your tumblr account?

Cuz buckle up, we're fighting, and this is the meme i meant to post before all the stuff about five hundred years of resistance anyways fuck trumasdfa #noDAPL

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It's important that donations are made to a variety of these campaigns because while all are in the general area of the campsite and do communicate, the different campaigns don't always or can't always share different resources. Grab a group of friends, make strips of paper, and shuffle to make donations.

phebeaux

It has come to my attention that this regained popularity in recent weeks. As the author, I'm deeply humbled by the support in the form of reblogs and likes even despite the crass language. I'm not Lakota or from the areas of these tribes. I'm from a Pueblo in New Mexico (shout-out to the Pueblo camp at standing Rock!) And Navajo Nation. I made this post at s tumultuous time in my life when I had accrued so much capital and privilege in the white man's world. Back when these were working links, I was a community organizer that went into a post traumatic stress disorder episode while this post was getting popular 2 years ago when Standing Rock was still at camp. I ask folks to reblog this out of respect to the many people and messages passed that allows for campaigns like these to exist. I'll

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never know how much was raised but know that y'all were a part of something huge and important. That two years is not a long time and progress is like watching grass grow.

Source: phebeaux

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write-it-motherfuckers

To whom it may concern,

If you have had the misfortune, of finding this note, then you are most likely the new owner of this property. And for that, I can only apologise, and offer my condolences.

I have done everything within my power, to ensure that this property never gains a new owner, but as the years go by, and my body and mind begin to fail me, I fear that all of my preparations, might have been in vain, as one can never hope to fully prepare for ***every*** *eventuality.*

As such, all I can do now, is offer what little advice, I have managed to gather over the years, in the hopes that whichever poor soul, is reading this, will be able to avoid the fate that myself, and all those before me, were doomed to.

1 - Never extinguish, or move, the lantern in the attic.

2 - If the lantern moves by itself, do not try and put it back in its usual place. It will return there in due time.

3 - Never use the back door. It does not lead to where you think it does, and it is locked for a reason.

4 - If said reason, starts knocking, or scratching, at that door, ***do not respond****, but be sure to cook a little extra that night, and try to pretend you do not notice, when there is nothing left behind, come the morn.*

5 - Never remove flowers from the garden, without having something on hand, to give back in return.

6 - Do not light the fireplace on the north wall. There is something living there, and the flames will be seen as an invitation.

7 - Those are not people, by the lake, and they do not like it when you stare.

8 - Do not touch the apple tree. You cannot afford what they cost.

9 - The fourth step, will squeak if you step on it during the day. Pay no attention to how it growls, when you do so at night.

10 - Never leave a mirror uncovered, when you leave a room. These too, will be taken as an invitation, and not all guests, are as polite as the chimney beast.

11 - Mysterious books should be avoided at all costs.

12 - No, that corner was not always that dark. Do not try and investigate it.

13 - Do not respond to the whispering you hear during the night. They do not ***only*** *seek to wake you.*

Good luck, dear stranger.

May you succeed, where all before you, have failed.

#write-it-motherfuckers #writing prompt #writing prompts #writing

1,849 notes

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Humans have been giving their pets god names for millennia, not knowing that they actually bestow upon them the gods power. But it's divided amongst all pets with the same name, so ultimately quite harmless. This morning, by a quirk of fate, yours is the only cat named Zeus.

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You died. You don't remember how but next thing you knew, you'd woken up in "The Station." Death was there and ordered you to board "The Train." Unfortunately, you're a clutz and "The Train" ran you over. Now, you find yourself in a diner. A pale woman sits across you and asks, "How in the fuck did you manage to get here?"

#writing #prompt #community #promptsre #books and libraries

1,412 notes

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write-it-motherfuckers

Person A: "Oh, oops."

Person B: "Pretty sure, accidentally shooting someone, calls for more than an *oops.*"

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2,218 notes

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You've been blind since birth but suddenly at the age of 18, you woke up beeing able to see. The only problem is that, it's not the world your parents told you about. Suspicious, you didn't tell them you can see. The next day you woke up, you're on a different world.

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101 ways to say i love you

firstly, tysm for 101 (actualy 103, haha) followers! when i started this account i honestly had no intentions of having so many of you lovely people take interest in me, but i'm very grateful nonetheless! this is my gift to you all, and, again, thank you!

i've seen a few other posts like this, but i wanted to go ahead and make my own! this is going to be completely different from the others that i have seen as well, so there's a lesser chance of duplicates for those of you who really enjoy these!

1. "You don't have to do this alone."
2. "I won't let you do this alone."
3. "I'll always be by your side."
4. "I'll get that for you."
5. "Let me bandage you up."
6. "I want you to be a part of my future."
7. "Here. You look hungry."
8. "Come here, I'll carry you."

9. "I fed your pets while you were away."
10. "Is something wrong?"
11. "Is there anything I can do to help?"
12. "I have an extra ticket... Would you like to go with me?"
13. "I saw you looking at it last time we were in the store together, so I got it for you."
14. "Stay with me."
15. "Thank you for making me smile."
16. "Your smile is beautiful. I want to see it more often..."
17. "I want to kiss you."
18. "You have a beautiful soul."
19. "No... No! Come on, I can't lose you!"
20. "You make me feel safe."
21. "Don't let me go."
22. "Give me a brush. I'll fix your hair for you."
23. "I want you, and only you."
24. "Your hands are too cold, I'll warm them up."
25. "Kiss me."
26. "I know you don't feel great, so let's stay home today, okay?"
27. "You're so beautiful."
28. "Hold me. Please."
29. "You're family."
30. "Marry me."
31. "I took care of the laundry already."
32. "Go back to sleep, (term of endearment)."
33. "I'll protect you."
34. "Take care of yourself."
35. "Let's take a break and relax."
36. "You're the first person I think about when I wake up."
37. "You smell so nice."
38. "Let's move in together."
39. "I wanna know everything about you."
40. "Don't leave yet."
41. "Let me see your scars..."
42. "I remember when we first met..."
43. "Here's your medication."
44. "I have a surprise for you."
45. "I bought this for you. It's in your favorite color..."
46. "Your skin is so soft."
47. "I would do anything for you."
48. "I'll help bring in the groceries."
49. "Last night your feet were really cold, so I found some of your socks and put them on you."
50. "I would go anywhere with you."
51. "You're cold, take my jacket."
52. "I promise."
53. "You're so golden."
54. "No one has ever made me feel like this."
55. "I missed you... a lot."
56. "Come back soon."
57. "I got us matching shirts!"
58. "I know you can do it."
59. "I'll never forget you."
60. "Wait!"
61. "I've waited so long for this..."
62. "You look like something's bothering you... You can talk to me if you need to."
63. "We make the best team."
64. "I'll hurt whoever did this to you."
65. "You didn't deserve that... You deserve so much better."
66. "I want you to meet my family."
67. "I want to start a family of our own..."
68. "Your back is so tense. Would you like a massage?"
69. "This is my favorite picture of us."
70. "Don't hurt yourself again..."
71. "You should be more careful."
72. "Hey, your favorite movie is on. I'll get the popcorn."
73. "You've never let me down."
74. "I saw that you were almost out of shampoo, so I went and got some for you."
75. "You're overworking yourself... Please take a break."
76. "I named my little plant after you."
77. "It's an honor just to know you like this."
78. "I didn't make you uncomfortable, did I?"
79. "I never imagined that someone's heartbeat could sound so

amazing."
80. "What was your childhood like?"
81. "You looked so cute when you were little."
82. "You look just like your mom/dad."
83. "What happened to you?!"
84. "Does it hurt?"
85. "I'm sorry."
86. "I love waking up next to you."
87. "Don't be scared. I'm right here."
88. "Have you been drinking enough water?"
89. "We can look out for each other."
90. "I'd like to take you on vacation one day, just the two of us."
91. "Are you sure you're ready?"
92. "You're so funny."
93. "Do you want to help me fix dinner tonight?"
94. "You don't have to pay me back."
95. "No, you're sick. You're not doing chores until you're better."
96. "Your voice is so relaxing."
97. "Text me when you get home safely."
98. "I found this meme that I think you'll like. Wanna see it?"
99. "Can I give you a hug? You look upset."
100. "I'm yours."
101. "I love you."

#ways i love you #i love you #prompt list
#101 ways to say i love you

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You found a lamp with a genie and get three wishes. But instead of twisting your wishes into bad fortune, this genie twists them to have unexpectedly positive impacts on everyone around you, too.

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Touching

Feeling another human's touch.

1. touching foreheads
2. running fingers through hair
3. hiding face in neck
4. caressing the other's hand
5. feeling their pulse
6. patting the other's head
7. holding hands
8. shielding the other one with their body
9. listening to the other's heartbeat
10. spooning at night
11. laying their hand on the other's neck
12. pushing a strand of hair behind their ear
13. nudging the other one
14. putting an arm around the other's waist
15. hugging each other
16. massaging them
17. holding the other's chin up
18. squishing the other's cheek
19. high fiving
20. bandaging/stitching up an injury
21. kissing the other's brow
22. falling asleep on the other's shoulder
23. carrying the other one in their arms
24. whispering in their ear, lips touching the skin
25. stroking the other's arm soothingly
26. kissing the top of their head
27. pulling the other one towards them

28. feeling for each other in the dark
29. tickling the other one
30. grabbing onto their arm
31. doing a pinky swear
32. caressing the other's back
33. tasting their smile
34. washing the other's body
35. kissing their bruises and scars
36. lifting the other one up
37. putting their head on the other's chest
38. stroking their leg
39. leaning into the other's side
40. patting them on the back
41. sitting close and knees touching
42. braiding the other's hair
43. giving them a piggy-back ride
44. sitting on the other's lap
45. feeling their temperature
46. linking arms with each other
47. touching their elbow to get their attention
48. dancing with each other
49. holding onto the other's shoulders for support
50. putting a hand over the other's mouth to shut them up

Hand-holding|Hugs|Kisses

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Human Rights Watch Watcher
@queeralamode

Just an incredible speech by @4noura in the belly of the beast of the US empire yesterday. Stop what you're doing and give it a watch:

From across colonized Palestine, we call on you to join our general strike and day of action on Tuesday, May 18. Launched from Jerusalem and extending across the world, we call on your support in maintaining this moment of unprecedented popular resistance.

As settler mobs and the Israeli occupation continue a campaign of violence and ethnic cleansing against our people in Sheikh Jarrah, Gaza, and beyond, we will continue our popular uprising until the liberation of our lands and

people.

Liberation is within our reach.

DAY OF ACTION

IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING & GENERAL STRIKE

#SaveSheikhJarrah
#GazaUnderAttack

1. HOST AN ACTION AT THE ISRAELI CONSULATE OR EMBASSY IN YOUR REGION

2. HOLD A PROTEST OR VIGIL FOR PALESTINIANS KILLED BY ISRAELI TERROR

3. MAKE A PUBLIC COMMITMENT TO PALESTINIAN LIBERATION AND BDS

4. CALL ON YOUR GOVERNMENTS TO PLACE SANCTIONS ON ISRAEL

asad abukhalil أسعد أبو خليل
@asadabukhalil

When there was no PLO, Israel killed Palestinians. When there was no Nasser, Israel killed Palestinians. When Iran was under the pro-Israel Shah, Israel killed Palestinians. Before the birth of Hamas and Hizbullah, Israel killed Palestinians. Before Oslo and after: Israel killed

Mondoweiss
@Mondoweiss

Israel's Wehda Street massacre shows it seeks to annihilate us. We won't let it. mondoweiss.net/2021/05/israel... #Palestine #Israel

#politics #israel #palestine #free palestine #bds

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y'all want some fumking cat?

Source: snowiicat

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fani Ψ
@kusuosroblox

light gay as shit i would have gone crazy

> **daily death note** @deatharchive · 18h
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Rin @backup_rin · 3h
Replying to @kusuosroblox
Can we talk about that one scene where L was basically worshiping his feet?!?,@$;,-'

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Moonpii ꒰ 🍓´`꒱ - READING: BERSE... · 3h
It's a reference to the Bible, Jesus washed Judas' feet; well knowing he was going to be betrayed by him.

7 49 1,139

ramms @Marissgasp · 3h
honestly this clarification doesn't take away the sexual tension that the scene has, in the bible did they moan too? Jesus also offered massages? that scene was straight up fanservice

9 36 492

worry baby ✨ COMISIONES ABIE... · 1h
In the bible, washing someones feet is an alegory for sex, jesus is naked in those scenes

2 21 57

im losing it right now this is so funny

Source: hoshigumayuugi

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Having over 20+ yrs experience & several games of the year under my belt, Transitioning from presenting male to female goes like this.

As male: headhunted by studios, flown to interviews overseas.

As female: email response to CV "we don't think you would be happy here"

3:42 AM - 30 Jan 2019

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Salarypresenting male: $aud 100+ Highest salary presenting female 45,000. On contract.

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Just in case you think our industry is woke. It pretends to be.

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Oh, and one of the companies that headhunted me for lead cinematics modeler as a male, turned me down instantly as a female for a junior art director role- I had 8 years experience as art director.

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I am intersex, and decided to transition from presenting male to female. I figured, my industry is very lefty and

cool, this should be okay. I may lose a few friends and contacts but on the whole my experience should carry me forward.

Nope.

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Yes. I absolutely had privilege.
Yes. I knew I would lose privilege.
No. I had no idea the full extent.
No. Women are not making it up when they tell you the way they are ignored, undermined, talked over and passed over.

8:53 AM - 30 Jan 2019

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Just to clarify, I don't think I am *entitled* to a job.

No, I am *qualified* for a job.

Just like I was four years ago.

Only now I have to deal with men who think me being upset with inequality somehow equals me feeling entitled.

Go get a *cheaper* haircut, you jerk.

5:18 PM - 30 Jan 2019

https://twitter.com/delaneykingrox/status/1090402436995473408

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Ben Barres was an eminent neurobiologist. He was also trans, and wrote extensively about sexism in the sciences with the unique perspective of being his own case control study.

After transitioning he gave a seminar, after which an attendee remarked that "his work is so much better than his sister's."

That "sister" the guy was referring to? Was Ben, pre transition. The only thing that was different between the people that attendee thought he was comparing was the perceived gender.

This is (just one reason) why we need to listen to trans people and amplify their voices, and that doing so can illuminate and help destroy sexism. It's pretty difficult to argue that he was 'actually just a better scientist" than himself.

Source: mswyrr

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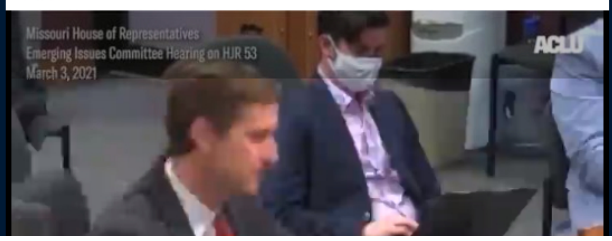

Phrase watch this.

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Transcript:

My name is Brandon Boulware and, Chairman, I'll go as quickly as I can. I'm a lifelong Missourian, I'm a busy lawyer, I'm a Christian, I'm the son of a Methodist minister, I'm a husband, and I'm the father of four kids—two boys, two girls—including a wonderful and beautiful transgender daughter. Today happens to be her birthday. And I chose to be here. She doesn't know that. She thinks I'm at work.

One thing I often hear when transgender issues are discussed is, "I don't get it. I don't understand." And I would expect some of you to have said that and to feel the same way. I didn't get it either. For years, I didn't get it. For years, I would not let my daughter wear girl clothes. I did not let her play with girl toys. I forced my daughter to wear boy clothes, and get short haircuts, and play on boy's sports teams. Why did I do this? To protect my child. I did not want my daughter or her siblings to get teased. And truth be told, I did it to protect myself as well. I wanted to avoid those inevitable questions as to why my child did not look and act like a boy.

My child was miserable. I cannot overstate that. She was absolutely miserable. Especially at school. No confidence, no friends, no laughter. I can honestly say this—I had a child who did not smile. We did that for years. We did that against the advice of teachers, therapists, and other experts.

I remember the day everything changed for me. I got home from work, and my daughter and her brother were in the front lawn. And she had sneaked on one of her older sister's play dresses. And they wanted to go across the street and play with the neighbors' kids. It was time for dinner, I said, "Come in." She asked, can she go across the street. I said no. She asked me if she went inside and put on boy clothes, could she then go across the street and play. And it was then that it hit me. My daughter was equating being good with being someone else. I was teaching her to deny who she is. As a parent, the one thing we cannot do, the one thing, is silence our child's spirit.

And so on that day, my wife and I stopped silencing out child's spirit. The moment we allowed my daughter to be who she is, to grow her hair, to wear the clothes she wanted to wear, she was a different child. And I mean it was immediate. It was a total transformation. I now have a confident, a smiling, a happy daughter. She plays on girls' volleyball teams. She has friendships. She's a kid.

I came here today as a parent to share my story. I need you to understand that this language, if it becomes law, will have real effects on real people. It will affect my daughter. It will mean she cannot play on the girls' volleyball team, or dance squad, or tennis team. I ask you, please don't take that away from my daughter, or the countless others like her who are out there. Let them have their childhoods, let them be who they are. I ask you to vote against this legislation.

Source: justdave

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ARE YA WINNING, SON?
Yeah! Taking a break right now, Dad! Hey, guys say hi to my dad!
hi!
morning, sir!
MORNING TO YOU KIDS! HAPPY GAMES! HAVE FUN, LOVE YOU SON
Love you too, dad!
ur dad is so cool
agreed!!
yeah he is the best

ARE YA WINNING, SON?

Source: ablessedblog

917 notes

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If I were gooder at graphic design, I would make a bunch of IWW propaganda that just replaces “the one big union” with “the union that FUCKS”

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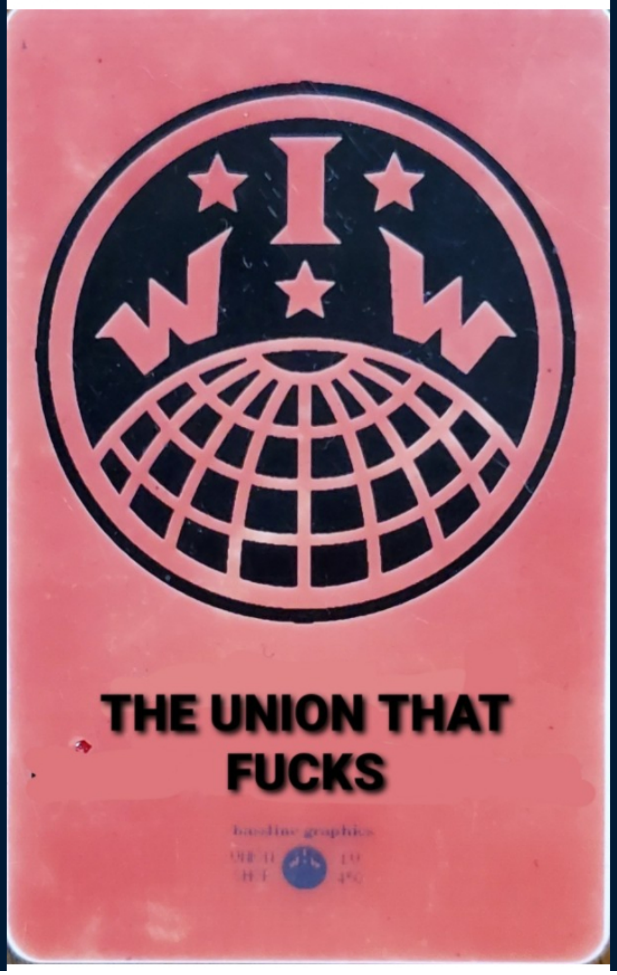

I only have my phone rn but here you go.

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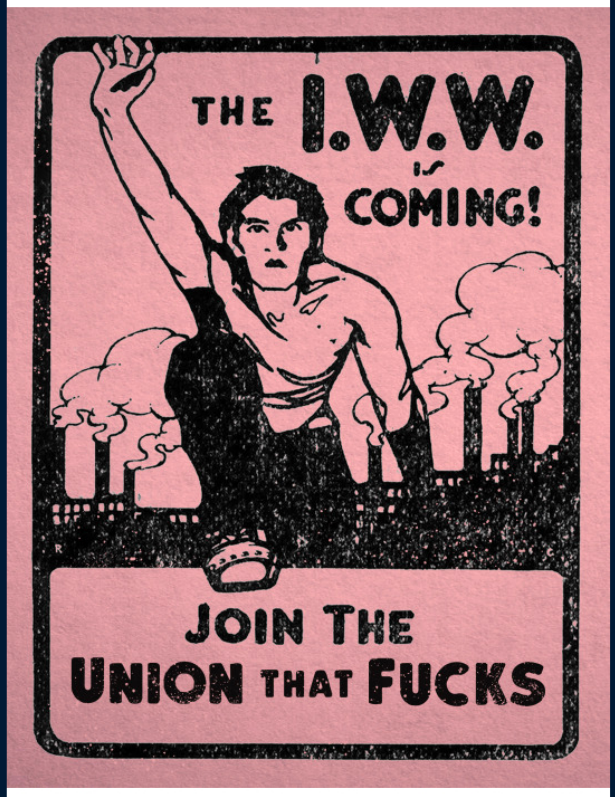

I had time

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"It's often unhealthy to hyper-analyze your sexuality to the point where how you experience it changes where you belong. This is why the idea that broader terms are somehow more restrictive is baffling. Continuously breaking labels down and creating terminology for each facet of one's identity shrinks communities until it's just one person convinced that they're the only one who relates to their experiences. It isolates people and ignores the importance of individuality within a collective identity."

On Hyperpersonalized Sexual Identity

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The author also dropped some gems in the last paragraph of the short article:

> Having a plethora of specific atomized sexualities discourages broad alliances and forming solidarity over shared experiences. Instead, it forces people to over-analyze themselves and focus on how they're different from others rather than what they have in common with them. We should embrace the many ways we experience our attraction, not dissect

them into different “types” that we mustn’t ever conflate — sectioning everyone off over the most minor contrasts does us no favors. We should approach sexual liberation with collectivism, not individualism.

Source: cladhan

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there are other aspects of how adults engage with children’s media that are far more concerning than this but the way grown people “engage critically” with children’s television and film is insane

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sorry the 13-year-old in a bear hat and his shape shifting dog brother didn’t tackle mortality this week, matthew. doesn’t mean it lost thematic or artistic value. maybe you should watch breaking bad or something

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The show about colorful rock people isn’t endorsing fascism because it’s half-rock boy hero believes you can fix villains through the power of magic pink love, Samantha.

Source: darkcomedies

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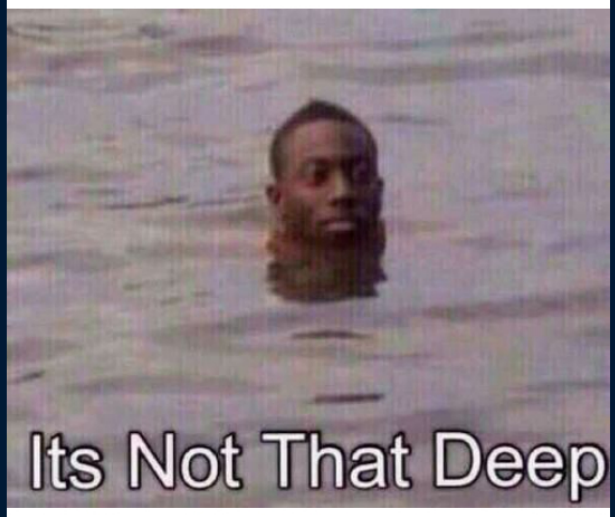
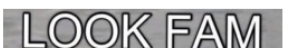
mormon kids under the age of 18 being told their church is a cult



mormons 18-24 after they go through their endowment ceremony and receive their new name and secret clothing and learn the secret handshakes and passwords and realize everyone around them has been secretly doing this the whole time and now theyre going to be sent away from their family for 2 years where they will literally not be allowed to be alone for 1 second of the day except to go to the bathroom and they have no idea how to get out of what they just got into



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> **dirtielemon** ↻ dredsina
>
> #im....so glad i got out before having to get endowed
> #even just the patriarchal blessing skeved me out and made me wanna run for the hills

one of the only perks of being a mormon woman is that i didn't get my endowment at age 19 and i had a little extra time to mature and be out on my own. that's all i needed to make a clean break and i got out at 21 before i wouldve gotten my endowment.

kittleimp Follow

wait what? can anyone elaborate on this? because I had no idea this was a thing

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basically when youre a mormon kid growing up you realize your church is a little strict but you're like whatever. i have friends at church because i go to church 6 days a week and everyone around me is affirming that this is the right thing to do and we have special knowledge no one else has otherwise everyone would be like this. so youve gotta go teach them & it's the greatest thing in the world to be a missionary. also the temple is beautiful and amazing and spiritual and holy and everyone wants to go there. but it's a secret! :) because it's holy and sacred

then if youre a boy and u turn 18 they're like wow amazing!!! you get to go on a mission and be like all the great men around you!! and now you get to go through the temple! so #blessed!

and then you go through the temple and all the above mentioned SECRET CULTY SHIT happens (EXPLANATION HERE http://mormoncurtain.infymus.com/topic_templeceremonies.html) and youre shipped off to a strange place where everything you eat, wear, go, listen to and do is controlled, and you're not allowed to talk to your family or friends (except through a once-a-week email) and you literally are being watched by your companion at all. times.

some might say "you can leave at any time" but consider that i never went on a mission and i never went through the temple and i still consider leaving the mormon church the hardest thing i ever did. you have no social network outside the church. you are lacking major knowledge and skills. you have to grapple with the fact that you may never see your family again.

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I'm reblogging this again bc I have Thoughts.

Leaving is such an isolating experience. No one inside wants anything to do with you anymore and no one outside understands the scale of messed up that Mormonism is. Like it's easy to point and laugh at the ridiculousness, but it's literally a cult. There's so much trauma involved and there's trauma in leaving.

People on the outside don't understand how hard it is to leave. I grew up where all my friends were catholic and are no longer religious and they're like "well everyone hates church, you just stop going" but Mormonism isn't like that at all. For starters I had to get a lawyer

involved to leave and then the ostracization from the entire community that nurtured me growing up was just the cherry on top. It's effectively being shunned. Everyone you were forced to call sister and brother growing up no longer wants anything to do with you. And you deserve it, because you shouldn't have fallen for the anti-Mormon lies.

Leaving The Church was the hardest thing I ever did and my family accepts me so I'm a lucky one. But they still ardently adhere to the institution that hurt me and has resulted in the deaths of people I love. I will never understand.

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> "There's so much trauma involved and **there's trauma in leaving."**

It's easy for people looking in from the outside to forget this. Thank you for the reminder. **Can anyone recommend resources for young Mormons looking to explore their options?**

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Please note: this post will be directly addressed to those hypothetical young Mormons

If you know you're ready to leave, use **quitmormon.com**. It's run by the guy from reddit who is now famous in exmormon circles for offering absolutely free legal services to anybody who needs help leaving. You can give your church id number if you know it, but it's not required (I never memorized mine, and I sure wasn't going to ask for it). He takes care of everything. This keeps TSCC (the so-called church) from getting all your latest info and keeps them from hassling you or harassing you. They have to talk to your lawyer instead. Pre 2015, it felt almost impossible to try to leave, but it's a lot easier now! The years of picketing General Conference to force an excommunication trial are over!

Find a **support system**. Lean on your friends that have never been mormon, any family members who left, anyone you know who left. I'm an exmormon happy to answer any questions, and I'm sure there are plenty others in the notes who would be super willing to be supportive too. Exmormon groups are many and varied now, and it's best to find the one that vibes for you. There's a subreddit that's popular, but I personally used - and I know this sounds weird, since I don't have kids - a forum called **Mormonism & More on the site babycenter.com**. It was started several years ago by some mormons who had questions they weren't allowed to ask on the normal mormon board (because that board required uplifting, mormon-approved answers at all times). It's since shifted to ex-mormons or people who want to leave but can't right now because of family situations. Even though the threads were years old, I spent weeks on that forum, reading about what other people had gone through and how they got through it, and to me, that was super helpful.

Research the culty stuff at your own peril. I liked learning about that stuff for a really long time, because I felt learning about all those secrets (I especially liked learning about the truth of the Book of Abraham) ... it helped me feel valid in my choice. It helped me keep in mind that this was something that I had escaped, something that had wanted to hurt me. Missing your abuser doesn't mean you should go back, it means you should keep moving forward. Missing your cult has the same solution. Lots of people fell for the "we're totally not a cult!" line by TSCC. Some of them will not offer sympathy. If you want to watch the hidden camera videos of endowments and other temple stuff, I would super *super* recommend you have a trusted friend watch them with you. And bring comfort food. You'll probably need it.

TSCC put out a series of essays on controversial (read: faith-killing, eye-opening, *omg how could I have ever supported the people who did this*) issues in mormon history. They are the Orthodox LDS pre-approved responses to a lot of the more incriminating accusations that have been leveled at TSCC over the years. They should be hosted on **TSCC website** somewhere, and would have been posted around or after 2015. They may reaffirm your faith now that you know TSCC's defense, but they may push you right out the door. (Or break

the shelf? Do Mormons still use the shelf analogy, or is that retired now?)

Lots of mormons become atheists after leaving. Many join mainstream xian churches. Some become witches, some study every religion they can get their hands on, some try to go back and realize all the magic (or holy spirit, if you prefer) is gone. *Don't think you have to know right away.* Some people throw away or burn all their mormon stuff, some people keep it to show their kids, but again, you don't have to make that decision right away. Some people call TSCC a cult after they leave, myself included, but you don't have to if it makes you uncomfortable or it it doesn't feel true to your experience.

Look up **religious trauma syndrome**. It's real. The pain you will probably feel is real, the grief you will probably feel is real, and in many ways, you may have to mourn the death of what you were always told Life Will Be For You.

And learn that the world is not half as evil as TSCC told you. Your coworkers who drink a beer at the end of the day are not evil or abusive. Your friends who wear sleeveless shirts are not evil or promiscuous. You're allowed to wear short shorts! You're allowed to drink coffee! You're allowed to ask questions in a faith community without being silenced or condemned! You're allowed to not want kids! There's a lot of unlearning here.

TLDR? You have options. You have freedom. Find nonmormon friends who will support you. Be kind to yourself.

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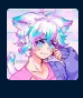

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